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POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING IN ROME

REF: ROME 14601

1. IN CONNECTION WITH OCTOBER 20 ROME MEETING OF EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH ITALIAN PRESIDENCY ON FOLLOWING SUBJECTS.

2. CYPRUS: IN LUXEMBOURG OCT 6-7, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS REVIEWED THE CYPRUS SITUATION AND INSTRUCTED ITALY, IN ITS PRESIDENCY ROLE, TO PURSUE MATTER IN ANKARA, ATHENS, AND CYPRUS. IN THIS CONNECITON, THE ITALIANS HAVE ASKED WHETHER US IS PLANNING ANY INITIATIVES AND HAVE REQUESTED OUR VIEWS ON THE PROBLEM AND PROSPECTS FOR MOVEMENT (REFTEL)

TALKING POINTS:

-- WITH THE TURKISH ELECTIONS OVER, THE WAY SHOULD NOW BE CLEAR FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN ANKARA TO TAKE SOME POSITIVE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE.

-- WHAT IS CLEARLY REQUIRED TO GET THE GREEK-CYPRIOIS BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE IS A CONCRETE TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL FROM THE TURKISH SIDE. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT SEEMS AWARE OF THIS REQUIREMENT, BUT NOTHING CAN BE LOST IN REMINDING THE TURKS PERIODICALLY OF THIS CENTRAL FACT.

-- THE US HAS MADE AN APPROACH TO TURKEY SINCE SUNDAY'S ELECTIONS, URGING FLEXIBILITY AND FORWARD MOVEMENT ON CYPRUS.

-- COMPLEMENTARY APPROACHES BY THE EC-9 WOULD BE WELCOME. THE APPROACHES, IF MADE AT ALL, SHOULD BE MADE QUICKLY, GIVEN OUR HOPE THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNDER UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S AEGIS CAN BE RESUMED BY EARLY NOVEMBER.

3. NOVEMBER 1973 EC MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION: WE UNDERSTAND THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MINISTERS TO REVIEW CONTINUED VALIDITY OF EC MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION ISSUED IN NOVEMBER 1973. WE DID NOT VIEW 1973 CONFIDENTIAL

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DECLARATION AS A PARTICULARLY HELPFUL EXERCISE WHEN IT WAS ORIGINALLY FORMULATED AND SEE NO NECESSITY FOR NEW OR REVISED LANGUAGE AT THIS TIME.

TALKING POINTS:

-- ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND EC DESIRE TO STAY CURRENT WITH ME DEVELOPMENTS AND KEEP SITUATION UNDER REVIEW, GIVEN

PARTICULARLY DELICATE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AT PRESENT
WE SEE NO NECESSITY FOR EITHER RESTATEMENT OF NOVEMBER
1973 LANGUAGE OR ISSUANCE OF NEW DECLARATION AT THIS TIME.

-- IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD HOPE THAT EC WOULD CONSULT WITH
US ON ANY PROPOSAL FOR NEW OR UPDATED LANGUAGE ON THE
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

4. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: THE ARAB POSITION ON TIME, PLACE
AND NATURE OF NEXT EC/ARAB DIALOGUE SESSION WILL REPORTEDLY
TAKE SHAPE AT OCTOBER 18 ARAB LEAGUE MEETING. IT APPEARS
LIKELY THAT ARABS WILL PERSIST IN EFFORTS TO EXPAND
DIALOGUE BEYOND TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG DENATIONALIZED
EXPERTS TO INCLUDE POLITICAL ISSUES, INCLUDING DIRECT PLO
PARTICIPATION. WHILE UK AMONG OTHERS SAYS IT WILL CONTINUE
TO OPPOSE SUCH EFFORTS, OTHERS, INCLUDING FONMIN RUMOR IN
SEPTEMBER 22 CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK
INDICATED EC INCLINED TO BE "FLEXIBLE
AND OPEN-MINDED" ON NOT LIMITING DIALOGUE TO TECHNICAL
MATTERS.

TALKING POINTS:

-- WE CONTINUE OUR BELIEF THAT THE EC THROUGH THE TECH-
NICAL DIALOGUE COULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION.

-- WE HAVE APPRECIATED EC EFFORTS TO CONFINE DIALOGUE TO
TECHNICAL/ECONOMIC MATTERS AND BELIEVE THOSE EFFORTS MUST
CONTINUE IF POLITICAL ISSUES INCLUDING DIRECT PLO PARTICI-
PATION ARE NOT TO UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATE THE PROGRESS
OF THE DIALOGUE.

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-- WE APPRECIATE HOSTS KEEPING US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS
ON THIS ISSUE AND WOULD WELCOME THEIR VIEWS ON ITS COURSE.

5. KOREAN RESOLUTION IN UNGA:

TALKING POINTS:

-- WE APPRECIATE THE ADDED SUPPORT WHICH THE COMMUNITY
HAS BROUGHT TO OUR RESOLUTION WITH THE FRENCH AMENDMENTS.
WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO POSITIVE
RESPONSE THUS FAR FROM THE OTHER SIDE TO OUR PROPOSAL
FOR A CONFERENCE BUT WE CONSIDER THAT OUR RESOLUTION OFFERS
A SOUND BASIS FOR DEALING CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THE KOREAN
PROBLEM. WE NEED THE HELP OF EC-9 COSPONSORS IN GETTING
WIDER SUPPORT ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES AND MORE VOTES AGAINST

THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION.

-- IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF EC-9 MEMBERS WOULD USE THEIR INFLUENCE ON NON-MEMBERS WITH RESPECT TO BOTH THE PROCEDURAL ISSUE AND THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. THE DANES SEEM TO BE MOVING TOWARD A "NO" VOTE ON THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION AND WE HOPE OTHER EC-9 MEMBERS CAN SUPPORT THEM IN BRINGING THEIR INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON BOTH NORWAY AND SWEDEN, WHICH NOW SEEM INCLINED TO ABSTAIN ON THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. OTHER EC-9 MEMBERS MAY BE ABLE TO EXERCISE INFLUENCE ON CYPRUS, TURKEY, AUSTRIA AND PORTUGAL, ALL OF WHICH ARE INCLINED TO ABSTAIN ON THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WHILE WE WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE TO HAVE THEM VOTE AGAINST IT. WE WOULD WELCOME PARTICULAR EC-9 ATTENTION TO THESE SIX COUNTRIES.

6. CSCE/STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY SEE SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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